

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 and cancel claims 2 and 10-20 as set forth in the complete listing below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A floating island planting system, comprising:
a float ring formed as a circular walled member of closed-cell polyethylene foam having a first diameter;
a garden planter formed in a bowl configuration with a collar of greater diameter than said first diameter, the bowl of said garden planter being dimensioned for nesting in said float ring, and said planter being defined by a plurality of holes through the closed bottom; and
a fill mix residing in said planter, said fill mix comprising ~~a combination~~ alternating layers of calcined montmorillonite clay and potting soil.

2. (canceled)

3. (originally filed) The floating island planting system according to claim 1, wherein said float ring is formed from a strip of closed-cell polyethylene foam that is heat sealed end-to-end.

4. (original) The floating island planting system according to claim 3, wherein said garden planter is defined by a plurality of 0.25" diameter holes to provide for the inflow of water.

5. (original) The floating island planting system according to claim 4, further comprising a mesh covering all of said plurality of holes.

6. (original) The floating island planting system according to claim 4, wherein said fill mix further comprises a layer of potting soil overlying a layer of clay.

7. (original) The floating island planting system according to claim 6, wherein said fill mix further comprises two layers of potting soil sandwiching a layer of clay.

8. (original) The floating island planting system according to claim 1, wherein said garden planter is black to resist ultra-violet (UV) damage from sunlight.

9. (original) The floating island planting system according to claim 8, wherein said float ring is black to resist ultra-violet (UV) damage from sunlight.

10-20. (canceled)